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News

Public Access Lands Atlas Now Available. The Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Public Access Lands Atlas will help you locate land that is open to the public for outdoor recreational use in Wisconsin. The Atlas shows the location of over 6 million acres of public lands and highlights the significant increase in public access to Wisconsin lands made possible through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program has contributed funding to the Department of Natural Resources, local governments and non-profit conservation organizations since July 1, 1990 - the funds have been used for land acquisition and the development of public outdoor recreation facilities. Many of the more modern recreational facilities on state lands can be attributed to the Stewardship program.

The Atlas can be purchased through the University Book Store (<http://www.uwbookstore.com/MerchList.aspx?ID=15893>) or you can download individual maps for free at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/PAL/PDF.html> Consider using the maps in classroom activities on map reading or land use or as potential field trip sites.

The Atlas is a great way to connect people with public land. Explore Wisconsin's public lands and spend time outside enjoying Wisconsin's diverse natural and recreational resources.



Free Hazardous Materials Awareness and Disposal Training. Do you have hazardous materials in your school? Attached is an announcement for the 2014 Hazardous Materials Awareness and Disposal Training. This free training is for employees at state owned or operated facilities, municipal employees, tribal governments, public K-12 schools, technical colleges and universities. The training is sponsored by the Department of Administration's Bureau of Risk Management.

Wisconsin Administrative Code REQUIRES employers to provide training to workers who use hazardous chemicals to ensure the employees are thoroughly familiar with proper handling, disposal and emergency procedures relevant to their responsibilities. The training covers the management and proper disposal of products such as fluorescent lamps, batteries, laboratory chemicals, oils, antifreeze, paints, thinners, cleaners, corrosives & poisons.

For more information visit: <http://doa.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=10099&locid=2> or questions, contact Amy Walden, amy.walden@wisconsin.gov, (608) 266-0272.



Reminder: Fourth Grade Teachers – Tree Seedlings Available for Arbor Day. The DNR is once again providing tree seedlings to fourth grade classrooms. The order deadline is March 15. Start planning your Arbor Day celebrations and go online to place your seedling order, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TreePlanting/arborForm.asp>